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1. ACTING BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER ON INSTRUCTIONS JANUARY 9
PRESENTED TO ACTING FONMIN PRINCIPAL SECRETARY WAKIL DEMARCHE ON
OWEN INVITATION TO PF TO MEET IN LONDON. KEY POINTS WERE: A) AS
EVIDENCED BY CARVER'S TRIP TO MAPUTO, MUCH OF THE GROUNDWORK FOR
A SETTLEMENT WAS COMPLETED; B) WHAT WAS NEEDED NOW WAS POLITICAL
MOMENTUM WHICH COULD COME FROM OWEN-PF MEETING; C) HELP
WAS NEEDED IN GETTING THE PF TO RESPOND FAVORABLY; AND D) OWEN'S
INVITATION REASSERTED FIRM DETERMINATION TO STICK TO UK-US
PROPOSALS. WAKIL ASKED HOW TALKS HAD GONE IN MAPUTO. ACTING
BHC DID NOT RESPOND AS HE WAS UNINSTRUCTED ON PASSIN ON
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SUBSTANCE OF CARVER'S TALKS.

2. AT PRESIDENT NYERERE'S 10 JANUARY NEW YEAR'S RECEPTION FOR
DIPLOMATIC CORPS, FOREIGN MINISTER MKAPA DREW ME ASIDE TO ASK
ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS IN HORN (SEPTEL) AND THEN WONDERED HOW THINGS
WENT ON THE CARVER TRIP. I REPLIED ALONG LINES REFTEL WITH
SELECTED UPDATES FROM AMBASSADOR LOW'S REPORTING ON CARVER/

CHAND CIRCUIT.

3. I TOLD MKAPA TALKS AT MAPUTO WERE FULL, FRANK AND APPARENTLY MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY, WITH MOZAMBICANS PLEASED WITH VISITORS' WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS DETAILED POINTS OF GPRM'S EARLIER EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS ON THE WHITE PAPER. I EMPHASIZED POINT THAT CONSTITUTIONAL AND TRANSITIONAL MATTERS HAD BEEN DISCUSSED IN SOME DETAIL, AND THAT WHAT WAS NEEDED NOW WAS POLITICAL PUSH TO SEEK AGREEMENT ON THEM. THAT MEANT IN FIRST INSTANCE PF ACCEPTANCE OF OWEN INVITATION FOR MEETING--A DEVELOPMENT MACHEL SAID HE WAS PROMOTING WITH PF LEADERS IN MAPUTO. RE TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS, I MENTIONED MACHEL SAID HE EMERGED FROM CARVER DISCUSSIONS REASSURED OF ANGLO-AMERICAN COMMITMENT TO BASE ZNA ON LIBERATION FORCES, ALTHOUGH GPRM HAD SOME IDEAS ON SOME PARTICULAR MATTERS SUCH AS COMPOSITION AND OPERATIONS OF UN FORCE. IN SUM, WHILE GPRM STILL HAS GENERAL AND SPECIFIC IDEAS ABOUT FURTHER AMPLIFICATION AND ALTERATIONS OF SOME ASPECTS OF ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS, MACHEL WAS PLEASED WITH REASSURANCE OF UK/US COMMITMENT TO THOSE PROPOSALS.

4. ON PRETORIA STOP, I LIMITED REMARKS TO OBSERVATIONS THAT CARVER HAD EMPHASIZED UK/US COMMITMENT AND DETERMINATION TO PURSUE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS AND HIS POINT TO BOTHA THAT SETTLEMENT MUST BE INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE--A CONDITION THAT AT MINIMUM REQUIRES INVOLVEMENT OF ALL IMPORTANT NATIONALIST. SIMILAR POINTS HAD BEEN MADE BY US TO OTHERS WHO ASKED OUR VIEWS
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ABOUT SALISBURY TALKS, I ADDED. GABORONE STOP ADDED NOT MUCH NEW.

5. MKAPA SAID HE GREATLY APPRECIATED INFORMATION. WHEN I ASKED HIS IMPRESSION ABOUT MOVING ON PF RESPONSE TO OWEN INVITATION, HE SAID TANGOV DID NOT KNOW TOO MUCH ABOUT PF POSITION LATELY SINCE NKOMO HAD BEEN TRAVELING AROUND SO MUCH (HE WELCOMED MY INFORMATION THAT NKOMO REPORTEDLY WAS NOW BACK IN LUSAKA--LUSAKA 0059). MKAPA WENT ON TO STATE HE THOUGHT THAT PF WOULD NOT BE PREPARED TO MOVE TOO MUCH ON OWEN INVITATION UNTIL THEY DO MORE TO CONSOLIDATE PF UNITY ALONG LINES OF RECENT BEIRA FL-PF MEETING.

6. MKAPA SCHEDULED TO LEAVE 11 JANUARY FOR MAPUTO AND SAID HE MIGHT WANT TO EXCHANGE VIEWS FURTHER AFTER HE RETURNS 15 JANUARY. IF SO, WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE DEPARTMENT STATUS REPORT EARLY NEXT WEEK ON WHERE WE ARE AND DIRECTIONS OPEN TO US.
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